



Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) is a non-profit trade association that advocates for federal policies and funding in support of regional economic development. PNWA is a collaboration of ports, businesses, public agencies and individuals who combine their economic and political strength in support of navigation, energy, trade and economic development throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Established as the Inland Empire Waterways Association (IEWA) in 1934, PNWA led the way for development of infrastructure for navigation, electric power and irrigated agriculture on the Columbia and Snake River System. PNWA's first act was to petition President Roosevelt and Congress for funds to secure a navigation lock at Bonneville Dam. PNWA then led the way for Congressional authorization and funding to build the remaining seven locks and dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

In 1971 we expanded, adding Puget Sound and coastal members to provide a comprehensive regional perspective. Our membership has grown to include over 135 entities including public ports, barge companies, steamship operators, grain elevator operators, agricultural producers, forest products manufacturers, electric utilities, irrigation districts, and public agencies throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

For over 80 years, PNWA members have advocated for efficient, reliable, and environmentally sustainable waterways.

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